

THE PASTOR AND HIS SPIRITUAL PREPAREDNESS



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Jeremiah 10:20-21 declares:

"My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.

For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD: therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered."

Hebrews 11:6(b)

"...must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

There is a great need!

BETTER MEN, NOT BETTER METHODS

1. **We devise new plans and organization to grow and expand the church.**
2. **God's plan is to make much of the man:**
 - a. People are searching for better methods - but God is looking for better men.
3. **The church does not need better or more methods**
 - a. But men (workers) filled with the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Men of prayer - strong in the Spirit.
 - c. The Holy Spirit does not work by methods, but by men.
 - d. God does not anoint plans - but men - men of prayer.
4. **The nature and the success of the Gospel is entrusted to the pastor:**
 - a. He makes or breaks the message from God to man.
 - b. The Pastor is the channel through which the living balm flows - he is in contact with the source (God).
5. **The preacher is more than the sermon:**
 - a. The man, yes, the whole man is behind the sermon.
 - b. Preaching is not just a one hour presentation - it is a consequence of life.
 - c. The sermon is powerful because the man is strong.
 - d. The sermon is holy because the man is holy.
 - e. The sermon is anointed because the man anointed.
 - f. The message does not rise higher than the messenger.
6. **The labourer needs to SURRENDER COMPLETELY:**
 - a. The worker must surrender himself completely with sacrificing faith and pour out a burning zeal in his work for the salvation of souls.
 - b. The worker is a man of prayer - because prayer is a powerful weapon.
 - c. God's men are formed in their inner rooms.

- d. His life, as well as his most outstanding beliefs, was born in his secret dealings with God.
- e. The burden and anguish inside his soul for the salvation of lost souls as well as the key messages he delivers, he received during his communion with God.

7. **Prayer resolves in a successful servant.**

- a. Concerning prayers - the pulpit is poor lately.
- b. The pride of knowledge is against the dependent humbleness of prayer.

8. **The pastor and his inner room:**

"... must believe that He is and a rewarder of those who seek Him."
Hebrews 11:6 b

"... and your Father who sees in secret shall reward thee openly."
Matthew 6:6 b

- a. Show me someone:

Like a garden that is well irrigated and like an evergreen tree.

THE SECRET – INNER ROOM

- b. Show me someone:

That spreads the flavour of His holiness.

II Corinthians 2:14: *"But thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and the smell of his knowledge by us in every place."*

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This is where the Holy Spirit reveals His glory to me, where I am changed into His image and His likeness.

- c. Mary went to look for Jesus early in the morning and set off with a burning message.

- d. **Inner Room experience:**

- i. Not just reading and praying, but diligently seeking God.
- ii. Wait - until you connect with Him.

II Chronicles 15:12: *"And they entered into the covenant to the Lord, the God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul searching."*

e. **Doctor's consulting room:**

- i. I can have a look at all his qualifications, but if I don't meet him personally, the visit is in vain.

f. **The inner room:**

- i. Is the workshop of the Holy Spirit.
- ii. He teaches and guides us into all truth.
- iii. There the Holy Spirit makes the Word come alive.

g. **There are truths revealed :**

- i. John at Patmos.
- ii. Peter on the roof.
- iii. Mary at the tomb.

h. **The reward for temporary things:**

Matthew 6:33 *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."*

9. **The secret of a fruitful ministry:**

Genesis 49:22 *"Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a fountain whose branches run over the wall."*

- a. His secret is the root at the fountain.
- b. The unseen roots speak of secret communion with God.
- c. The flax lying in oil is not burning but it is the oil that burns.
- d. It is the Holy Spirit that bears fruit.

10. **There must be spiritual power:**

a. **Spiritual childbearing:**

Isaiah 37:3b: *"... for the children to the birth occurred, but there is no power to bring forth."*

b. **To let the seed grow:**

I Corinthians 3:6: *"I planted, Apollos watered it, but God gave the increase."*

c. **Many grow in knowledge but not spiritually.**

11. **Preparation**

- a. Proverbs 11:30 b *"... and he who wins souls is wise."*

b. **The need for spiritual preparation:**

- i. The pastor must be mentally prepared for his work.
- ii. The labourer is equipped for his task
 - He does not work with a broken plough.

- He does not work with a broken planter.
- iv. A sinking ship cannot help others.
- v. A sinking Pastor cannot help a sinking world.
 - God does not use a hopeless man.
 - A sinking pastor is a pastor who does not pray.

12. **The importance of the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the preacher:**

Isaiah 61:1: *"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings ..."*

a. **The anointing of the Holy Spirit makes us... capable:**

II Corinthians 3:5,6: *"Not that we are of ourselves capable of doing something ourselves to think, but our sufficiency is from God, who made us competent as ministers of a New Testament, not the letter; but of the spirit: for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life. ". "*

b. **The anointing of the Holy Spirit makes us... confident:**

Acts 4:31: *"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were together, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke word of God with boldness."*

c. **It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that breaks the yoke:**

Christ is our example:

Acts 10:38: *"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about and doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. "*

d. **The anointing of the Holy Spirit will start a fire burning inside us:**

Jeremiah 20:9: *" Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not."*

13. **The Lord's woes on the unfaithful shepherds**

In Ezekiel 34:1-4 the Lord uttered a curse on the shepherds of Israel because:

- a. They fed themselves and not the flock.
- b. They did not strengthen the weak.
- c. They did not heal the sick.
- d. They did not bandage the wounded.
- e. They did not bring back the outcast.
- f. They did not seek the lost.

Ezekiel 34:10: *So says the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Nor shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, and they will not be food to devour.*